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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/581,621	Applicant(s) GELLI, MAURO	
	Examiner William A. Rivera	Art Unit 3654	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 55-106 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 63,67,68,70-72,74,77-79,82-87 and 90-106 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 55-58,64,75 and 80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 59-62, 65-66, 69,73, 76,81 and 88-89 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 55-58, 64, 75, and 80, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McNeil et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0017587).

With respect to Claims 55-58, 64, 75, and 80, McNeil et al, Figure 7, teach a rewinding machine comprising a winding system, a feed path for feeding a web material towards said winding system, a counter surface 538 along which said web material runs, and at least one suction member 536 positioned along said feed path to temporarily obstruct feed of the web material and cause interruption thereof at an end of winding of each log, wherein said at least one suction member and said counter surface are constructed and arranged such that said suction member attracts said web material onto said counter surface to generate a friction between the web material and said counter surface which causes breakage of said web material by tearing; said winding system is a surface winding system comprising a winding cradle; said at least one suction member is in a substantially fixed position.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 69, 76, 81, and 88 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claims 63, 67, 68, 70-72, 74, 77-79, 82-87, 90-106 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to independent claim 55 and its dependent claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William A. Rivera whose telephone number is 571-272-6953. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Q. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6952. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/William A Rivera/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3654

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